



State of Tennessee

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

By Faulk

A RESOLUTION to commend LaKesia Morrison for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, LaKesia "Kesia" Morrison is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Senator Mike Faulk; Ms. Morrison's work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, as a student at Tennessee Technological University, Kesia was highly regarded by her peers and achieved academic success while majoring in Political Science; she graduated from that noble institution in December 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, in addition to meeting the highest standards of academic excellence, Ms. Morrison participated with enthusiasm and aplomb in several worthy extracurricular activities, including serving as the Vice-President of Pi Sigma Alpha and the Committee Chair of Take Back the Night 2010; and

WHEREAS, a skilled debater and public speaker, Kesia Morrison was a semifinalist in both the 2009 and the 2010 Appellate Moot Court Collegiate Challenge; and

WHEREAS, this gifted orator also rendered sterling service as a presenter for the WoMeNet Conference, in which Dr. Lori Maxwell spoke on the riveting topic "Save the Animals, Sacrifice the Humans?"; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular achievements, Kesia has received numerous awards and honors, including the UAS Scholarship and the Hope Lottery Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee state government, Kesia Morrison brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2011 session of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2011 legislative session, Ms. Morrison has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself as Senator Faulk's loyal and efficient legislative aide, expertly utilizing the bill tracking program to stay informed on critical issues and masterfully performing detailed research, which greatly assisted Senator Faulk with legislation that will certainly make a difference in the health of women and their children; and

WHEREAS, possessing an indomitable spirit and a charming personality, Kesia answered each constituent phone call and lobbyist request with warmth and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, she also served with acumen and alacrity as a photographer for Senator Faulk and the constituents from his district and enjoyed capturing the many moods of the famous Senate watchdog, Rueben; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Morrison's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock William H. Bowen School of Law, where she plans to earn her Doctor of Jurisprudence degree; and

WHEREAS, Kesia Morrison has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend LaKesia Morrison for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senator Mike Faulk and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

ADOPTED: May 9, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE